AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

When a latch element ~~13~~ is inserted in an opening ~~16~~ of a first connector element ~~11~~, a cantilevered flexible portion ~~24~~ of the latch element ~~13~~ is retained in and latchingly engaged ~~in~~ with the first connector element ~~11~~ at ~~the other~~ a deflectable end portion of the ~~same~~ cantilevered flexible portion. When the second connector element ~~12~~ is inserted in and mated with the first connector element ~~11~~, the ~~other~~ deflectable end portion of the cantilevered flexible portion ~~24~~ is deflected in a direction orthogonal to the insertion/mating direction of the second connector element ~~12~~ to force the ~~other~~ deflectable end portion of the cantilevered flexible portion to move in the direction orthogonal to an insertion/mating direction, so as to release the retention of the latch element ~~13~~ with the first connector element ~~11~~, thereby rendering the latch element ~~13~~ movable in an insertion direction thereof. ~~This can provide an electrical connector assembly excellent in workability that can allow easy release of the retention of the latch element with the first connector element to render the latch element movable in the insertion direction when the second connector element is inserted in and mated with the first connector element.~~